man a veritable orgy of bloodshed and murder and it perverted his whole outlook on India. I hope that to-day those in charge of English schools will purge their textbooks of onesided references to this dark period. Even Ruskin, so beloved of Gandhi, displays the warped outlook which seemed general. He said, "Since the race of man began its course of sin on this earth, nothing has ever been done so significative of all bestial, and lower than bestial, degradations as the acts of the Indian race in the year just passed by." The Mutiny, says Professor J. T. George, has been mainly responsible "for the intellectual constipation, the mental astigmatism, and the racial delirium of some of the people residing in India[35] *(The Briton in India).* I will not go into the question of the brutal reprisals which were taken after the Mutiny. The whole matter has been excellently dealt with by Edward Thompson in *The Other Side of the Medal.* One wishes that this book might be read in English schools. It would do much to change the attitude of the average Englishman to India.[1] Horrible stories, some true, some false, were spread in England about the rising, and the slender thread of mutual understanding in India was either snapped or suppressed.

It was perhaps Sir James Stephen who gave expression to the new policy. He created the technique of the "maintenance of British rule in India," and whenever there was a question of formulating a new policy it was done on the basis of "India's true interests." All criticism by functionaries was suppressed on the plea that it was antagonistic to British rule. The strain of self-criticism vanished and Government reports became increasingly" reactionary in tone. They became dogmatic and administration began to be a matter of giving commands without the necessity of having to justify them to

[1]One writer has compared the reprisals to Cromwell's decimations in Ireland. Unhappy prisoners were hanged, blown from guns and in some cases burnt alive. Gf, Tnornpson, op. cit., and Garret and Thompson, *Rise and Fulfilment of British JRule in India.*